

December 20, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of the city council of the City of Kingsford, County of Dickinson, and State of Michigan.

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer and Baldinelli
Absent: none

Also present were City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Clint McLeod [TV6], Jim Emmers, and Scott Teigen [VP Kwik Trip].

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the December 3, 2021 Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the December 6, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the December 14, 2021 Board of Review Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda with the addition of an item to Old Business regarding committee seat changes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the invoices for December 7, 2021 through December 20, 2021 in the amount of \$262,364.12.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report – November 2021. In the report was a request to purchase 1 (one) AED to replace a non-functioning AED for the main squadcar in the amount of \$1,820. A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to purchase a new AED.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the consent agenda (Public Safety Report).
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- Treasurer's Report – November 2021. In the report was a request by Treasurer Palmer to attend virtual training through the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association for Treasurer updates. A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the training request.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the consent agenda (Treasurer's Report).
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.
There was no Public Comment at this time.

The were no items under Communications.

The Manager's Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- There were eleven (11) deer harvested through the annual city archer hunt.
- Stelmaszek met with individuals from CUPPAD to discuss the next funding cycle for Small Urban Project Grant program and the City is slated to receive \$175,000 in 2024 to repave a section of East Breen Avenue from Carpenter to Woodbine with a local match to be approximately \$60,000. Cost of access lines are not included in this cost.
- City has been approved for a MDOT Category F funding grant to resurface East Breitung Avenue from Carpenter Avenue to Woodbine Street in the year 2023 at a cost of \$400,000 with a grant amount of \$280,000 and a City match of \$120,000 and is contingent upon appropriations from state legislature and once funding is approved there will be an agreement and at that time the City would have to commit the funding.

- o Three major projects on our streets are slated for the next three years including the Westwood Project in 2022 and the aforementioned street projects and we will need to address the lead gooseneck access replacement along these roadways. Superintendent Demuri and City Manager Stelmaszek met with GEI Consultants regarding our intent to apply to receive funding from EGLE through the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWARF). GEI representatives will be at the next meeting to answer questions regarding your approval to submit for the funding program. It is a nine (9) block replacement of the water system and the roadways with approximately 140 accesses to residences will need replacement.
- o The City is working with the Michigan Rural Water Association to prepare a water and sewer rate study to explain needed rate adjustments for upcoming water and sewer line replacement projects. The results of the study will be forthcoming.
- o City hall and DPW will be closed for Christmas and New Year's holidays on December 23rd and 24th and December 30th and 31st.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the December 20, 2021 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was the request for committee seat changes. Mayor Remer recommended Councilmember Groeneveld retain his seat on the Personnel Committee and she retain her seat on the Citizens Advisory Committee. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to appoint Councilmember Groeneveld to the Personnel Committee to replace Mayor Remer and to appoint Mayor Remer to the Citizens Advisory Committee to replace Councilmember Groeneveld.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business was the Kwik Trip Site Plan Approval Request. The site plan includes request to build and operate a Kwik Trip convenience store on Carpenter Avenue adjacent to the credit union and includes ten (10) dispensers for fuel stations and a single bay car wash. Assessor Mulka presented to the Council his assessment of the site plan as meeting requirements of the intent of the City of Kingsford Ordinances, zoning compliances and expressed to the council the site plan being very detailed. Assessor Mulka fielded some questions from Councilmembers. The Vice President of Kwik Trip Mr. Scott Teigen presented some information regarding Kwik Trip's company overview and culture, plans for Kingsford store being built as a third generation store, and noted it will be more than likely 2024 before the store opens, although hopefully 2023. One of the factors is underground storage tanks have a two (2) year lead time. There should be 30-35 jobs available to the community.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the Kwik Trip Site Plan Approval Request.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer and Baldinelli
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

There were no scheduled public hearings.

There was no Public Comment at this time.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld thanked Mayor Remer for appointing him to Personnel Committee and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; Councilmember Dixon-Miller said the Kwik Trip Plan is so thorough and very impressed with detail they put into it and it's very nice; Councilmember Baldinelli said he is impressed with the site plan and have a safe Christmas and a very safe New Year's; Councilmember Flaminio stated we already addressed the issue and thankful for that and wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and safe New Year's, Mayor Remer have a safe Christmas and New Year's.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.


 Mayor


 Clerk